

## Panel 5

### Sustainability, Innovation, Collaboration and Growth



**Wendell A. "Bucky" Sebastian**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**GTE Federal Credit Union**

#### Professional History

**1998- Present** - President/CEO of GTE Federal Credit Union, a 1.9 Billion Dollar plus credit union with 39 branches and 225,000 members in the greater Tampa Bay area, Portland, Maine and New Orleans, Louisiana.

**1996 - 1998** - President - Trust for Credit Unions.

**1989 - 1996** - President of GTE Federal Credit Union.

**1985 - 1989** - Co-founder and owner of Callahan & Associates, Inc., a national credit union consulting firm. The firm created the only

complete data base for all U.S. credit unions and organized the first credit union-only family of institutional mutual funds.

**1981 - 1985** - Executive Director and General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration. Responsible for the day to day administration of the federal regulatory agency for credit unions, and its 600 employees and \$30 million yearly budget. In addition to administration, was the chief legal officer and policy advisor to the NCUA Board.

**1977 - 1981** - General Counsel and Chicago Administrator of the Illinois Department of Financial Institutions. The department administered fourteen (14) separate state laws governing Illinois financial institutions.

**1973 - 1977** - Executive Assistant to the Illinois Secretary of State Michael J. Howlett. Secretary Howlett administered the second largest Illinois State office with 4,400 employees and an annual operating budget of \$130 million dollars.

**1972 - 1973** - Assistant Public Defender for Cook County, Illinois.

#### Education

**1981** - Completed program for Senior Managers in Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

**1971** - Doctor of Jurisprudence, Loyola University of Chicago.

**1967** - Bachelor of Science in Advanced Scholastic Philosophy, Loyola University of Chicago.